GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ALLOCATION FOR HEALTH SERVICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are spending only 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health services in the country;

(b) if so, how does it compares with the developed and developing countries;

(c) whether the public health spending is sufficient to meet the health service requirements of the people particularly the poor sections;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the allocation for health services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Public health investment in the country is 0.9% of GDP in 1998-99. A statement showing Public Health Expenditure as percentage of GDP for some developed and developing countries is annexed.

(c) to (e) The Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health sector by mobilizing external assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for supporting various national health programmes for the control of major diseases. The National Health Policy-2002 recently announced by the Government envisages increasing health sector expenditure to 6 percent of GDP with 2 percent being contributed as public health investment by 2010.

ANNEXURE

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURE AS A PERCENTAGE OF CDP (AROUND 1997) FOR SOME DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

S.NO	NAME OF THE COUNTRY	PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURE AS PERCENTAGE OF GDP
1	Germany	8.1
2	France	7.5
3	Canada	6.2
4.	USA	6.0
5	Japan	5.7
6	U.K.	5.6
7	Australia	5.6
8	Bangladesh	2.3
9	Thailand	1.9
10	Sri Lanka	1.4
11	Malaysia	1.4
12	Nepal	1.0
13	India	0.7
14	China	0.7
15	Indonesia	0.6

Source: WHO Report 2000-Health Systems : Improving Performance